

# MHCP PHARMACY PROGRAM POLICY ACTIVITY

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## NEW POLICIES DEVELOPED

### • Program Summary: Weight Management

Applies to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicaid Formularies
Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Formulary Exception

#### POLICY AGENT SUMMARY QUANTITY LIMIT

Wildcard	Target Brand Agent Name(s)	Target Generic Agent Name(s)	Strength	QL Amount	Dose Form	Days Supply	Duration	Targeted NDCs When Exclusions Exist	Age Limit	Effective Date	Term Date
6125205000D220	Saxenda	Liraglutide (Weight Mngmt) Soln Pen-Inj 18 MG/3ML (6 MG/ML)	18 MG/3ML	15	mLs	30	DAYS				
6125207000D520	Wegovy	Semaglutide (Weight Mngmt) Soln Auto-Injector	0.25 MG/0.5ML	8	Pens	180	DAYS				
6125207000D525	Wegovy	Semaglutide (Weight Mngmt) Soln Auto-Injector	0.5 MG/0.5ML	8	Pens	180	DAYS				
6125207000D530	Wegovy	Semaglutide (Weight Mngmt) Soln Auto-Injector	1 MG/0.5ML	8	Pens	180	DAYS				
6125207000D535	Wegovy	Semaglutide (Weight Mngmt) Soln Auto-Injector	1.7 MG/0.75ML	4	Pens	28	DAYS				
6125207000D540	Wegovy	Semaglutide (Weight Mngmt) Soln Auto-Injector	2.4 MG/0.75ML	4	Pens	28	DAYS				
6125258000D520	Zepbound	tirzepatide (weight mngmt) soln auto-injector	2.5 MG/0.5ML	4	Pens	180	DAYS				
6125258000D525	Zepbound	tirzepatide (weight mngmt) soln auto-injector	5 MG/0.5ML	4	Pens	28	DAYS				
6125258000D530	Zepbound	tirzepatide (weight mngmt) soln auto-injector	7.5 MG/0.5ML	4	Pens	28	DAYS				
6125258000D535	Zepbound	tirzepatide (weight mngmt) soln auto-injector	10 MG/0.5ML	4	Pens	28	DAYS				
6125258000D540	Zepbound	tirzepatide (weight mngmt) soln auto-injector	12.5 MG/0.5ML	4	Pens	28	DAYS				
6125258000D545	Zepbound	tirzepatide (weight mngmt) soln auto-injector	15 MG/0.5ML	4	Pens	28	DAYS				

**ADDITIONAL QUANTITY LIMIT INFORMATION**

Wildcard	Target Brand Agent Name(s)	Target Generic Agent Name(s)	Strength	Additional QL Information	Targeted NDCs When Exclusions Exist	Effective Date	Term Date
6125207000D520	Wegovy	Semaglutide (Weight Mngmt) Soln Auto-Injector	0.25 MG/0.5ML	*This strength is not approvable for maintenance dosing			
6125207000D525	Wegovy	Semaglutide (Weight Mngmt) Soln Auto-Injector	0.5 MG/0.5ML	*This strength is not approvable for maintenance dosing			
6125207000D530	Wegovy	Semaglutide (Weight Mngmt) Soln Auto-Injector	1 MG/0.5ML	*This strength is not approvable for maintenance dosing			
6125258000D520	Zepbound	tirzepatide (weight mngmt) soln auto-injector	2.5 MG/0.5ML	*This strength is not approvable for maintenance dosing			

**PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CLINICAL CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

Module	Clinical Criteria for Approval
	<p><b>Initial Evaluation</b></p> <p><b>Target Agent(s)</b> will be approved when ALL the following are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ONE of the following:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient's requested use is to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke) in adults with established cardiovascular disease (medical records required) and the patient is either obese or overweight AND ALL of the following:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requested agent and strength has an FDA labeled indication for the requested diagnosis and route of administration <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. The patient has a history of established cardiovascular disease as evidenced by ONE of the following: (medical records required)                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Myocardial infarction <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. Stroke <b>OR</b></li> <li>C. Peripheral artery disease as defined by intermittent claudication with ankle-brachial index less than 0.85 at rest, or peripheral arterial revascularization procedure, or amputation due to atherosclerotic disease <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The patient has a BMI greater than or equal to 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (medical records required) <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. The patient does NOT have type 1 or type 2 diabetes <b>AND</b></li> <li>5. The patient does NOT have a hemoglobin A1C greater than or equal to 6.5% (medical records required) <b>AND</b></li> <li>6. The patient does NOT have a history of a myocardial infarction, stroke, transient ischemic attack, or hospitalization for unstable angina in the last 60 days <b>AND</b></li> <li>7. The patient's age is 45 years or over <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>B. The patient is overweight or obese and is using the requested agent for weight management and ALL of the following:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient is new to therapy, new to Prime, or attempting a repeat weight loss course of therapy <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. ONE of the following:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient is 17 years of age or over and has ONE of the following:                       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A BMI greater than or equal to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A BMI greater than or equal to 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> if the patient is of South Asian, Southeast Asian, or East Asian descent <b>OR</b></li> <li>3. A BMI greater than or equal to 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> with at least one weight-related comorbidity/risk factor/complication (e.g., hypertension, obstructive sleep apnea, cardiovascular disease, dyslipidemia) <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The patient is 12 to 16 years of age and has ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A BMI greater than or equal to 95th percentile for age and sex <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. A BMI greater than or equal to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> <b>OR</b></li> <li>3. A BMI greater than or equal to 85th percentile for age and sex AND at least one severe weight-related comorbidity/risk factor/complication <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>3. BOTH of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient has been on a weight loss regimen of a low-calorie diet, increased physical activity, and behavioral modifications for a minimum of 6 months from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>AND</b></li> <li>B. The patient has experienced weight loss of less than 1 pound per week while on a weight loss regimen from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>4. The patient is currently on and will continue a weight loss regimen of a low-calorie diet, increased physical activity, and behavioral modifications <b>AND</b></li> <li>5. ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. If the requested agent is Saxenda, then ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient is 18 years of age or over and ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient is newly starting therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The patient is currently being treated and has received less than 16 weeks (4 months) of therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>C. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss of greater than or equal to 4% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>OR</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The patient is pediatric (12 to less than 18 years of age) and BOTH of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The requested agent is NOT being used to treat type 2 diabetes <b>AND</b></li> <li>B. ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient is newly starting therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The patient is currently being treated and has received less than 20 weeks (5 months) of therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>3. The patient has achieved and maintained a reduction in BMI of greater than or equal to 1% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>OR</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>B. If the requested agent is Wegovy, then ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient is newly starting therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The patient is currently being treated and has received less than 52 weeks (1 year) of therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>3. ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient is an adult AND has achieved and maintained a weight loss of greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The patient is pediatric (12 to less than 18 years of age) AND has achieved and maintained a reduction in BMI of at least 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>OR</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>C. If the requested agent is Zepbound, then ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient is newly starting therapy <b>OR</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The patient is currently being treated and has received less than 52 weeks (1 year) of therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>3. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss of greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>AND</b></li> <li>6. The patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another weight loss agent (e.g., Contrave, phentermine, Qsymia, Xenical) for the requested indication <b>OR</b></li> </ol> <p>C. The patient has another FDA labeled indication for the requested agent and route of administration <b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. If the patient has an FDA labeled indication, then ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient’s age is within FDA labeling for the requested indication for the requested agent <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. There is support for using the requested agent for the patient’s age for the requested indication <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another GLP-1 receptor agonist agent <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. The patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent</li> </ol> <p><b>Length of Approval:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Wegovy, Zepbound: 12 months</li> <li>• For Saxenda: Pediatric patients (age 12 to less than 18): 5 months; Adults: 4 months</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: If Quantity Limit applies, please refer to Quantity Limit Criteria.</p> <p><b>Renewal Evaluation</b></p> <p><b>Target Agent(s)</b> will be approved when ALL of the following are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan’s Prior Authorization process [Note: patients not previously approved for the requested agent will require initial evaluation review] <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient's requested use is to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke) in adults with established cardiovascular disease (medical records required) and the patient is either obese or overweight <b>AND</b> ALL of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requested agent and strength has an FDA labeled indication for the requested diagnosis and route of administration <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. The patient does NOT have a history of type 1 or type 2 diabetes <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>B. The patient is overweight or obese and is using the requested agent for weight management and ALL of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient is continuing a current weight loss course of therapy <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. The patient is currently on and will continue to be on a weight loss regimen of a low-calorie diet, increased physical activity, and behavioral modifications <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. If the patient is 12 to less than 18 years of age, then the current BMI is greater than 85th percentile for age and sex <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. If the requested agent is Saxenda, then BOTH of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requested agent is NOT being used to treat type 2 diabetes <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. If the patient is 18 years of age or over, the patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss greater than or equal</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li></ol>

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	<p style="text-align: right;">to 4% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>OR</b></p> <p>C. If the patient is pediatric (12 to less than 18 years of age), the patient has achieved and maintained a reduction in BMI of greater than or equal to 1% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>OR</b></p> <p>B. If the requested agent is Wegovy, then BOTH of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requested dose is 1.7 mg or 2.4 mg <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The patient is 12 years of age and over AND has received less than 52 weeks of therapy on the maximum-tolerated dose <b>OR</b></li> <li>C. The patient is pediatric (12 to less than 18 years of age) AND has achieved and maintained a reduction in BMI of at least 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of pharmacotherapy) <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>C. If the requested agent is Zepbound, then ONE of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of requested agent) <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The patient has received less than 52 weeks of therapy on the maximum-tolerated dose <b>AND</b></li> </ol> <p>5. The patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another weight loss agent (e.g., Contrave, phentermine, Qsymia, Xenical) for the requested indication <b>OR</b></p> <p>C. The patient has another FDA labeled indication for the requested agent and route of administration <b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another GLP-1 receptor agonist agent <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. The patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent</li> </ol> <p><b>Length of Approval:</b> 12 months</p> <p>NOTE: If Quantity Limit applies, please refer to Quantity Limit Criteria.</p>

**QUANTITY LIMIT CLINICAL CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

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	<p><b>Quantity limit for the Target Agent(s)</b> will be approved when ONE of the following is met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requested quantity (dose) does NOT exceed the program quantity limit <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The requested quantity (dose) exceeds the program quantity limit AND ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. BOTH of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requested agent does NOT have a maximum FDA labeled dose for the requested indication <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. There is support for therapy with a higher dose for the requested indication <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>B. BOTH of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requested quantity (dose) does NOT exceed the maximum FDA labeled dose for the requested indication <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. There is support for why the requested quantity (dose) cannot be achieved with a lower quantity of a higher strength that does NOT exceed the program quantity limit <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>C. BOTH of the following:</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The requested quantity (dose) exceeds the maximum FDA labeled dose for the requested indication <b>AND</b></li> <li>There is support for therapy with a higher dose for the requested indication</li> </ol> <p><b>Length of Approval:</b></p> <p><b>Initial Approval:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Wegovy, Zepbound: up to 12 months</li> <li>For Saxenda: Pediatric patients (age 12 to less than 18): up to 5 months; Adults: up to 4 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Renewal Approval:</b> up to 12 months</p>

## POLICIES REVISED

### • Program Summary: Weight Loss Agents

Applies to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicaid Formularies
Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Formulary Exception

### POLICY AGENT SUMMARY QUANTITY LIMIT

Wildcard	Target Brand Agent Name(s)	Target Generic Agent Name(s)	Strength	QL Amount	Dose Form	Days Supply	Duration	Targeted NDCs When Exclusions Exist	Age Limit	Effective Date	Term Date
61200010100305		Benzphetamine HCl Tab 25 MG		90	Tablets	30	DAYS				
61200010100310		Benzphetamine HCl Tab 50 MG	50 MG	90	Tablets	30	DAYS				
61200020100305		Diethylpropion HCl Tab 25 MG	25 MG	90	Tablet	30	DAYS				
61200020107510		Diethylpropion HCl Tab ER 24HR 75 MG	75 MG	30	Tablets	30	DAYS				
61200050107010		Phendimetrazine Tartrate Cap ER 24HR 105 MG	105 MG	30	Capsules	30	DAYS				
61200050100305		Phendimetrazine Tartrate Tab 35 MG	35 MG	180	Tablets	30	DAYS				
61200070100110		Phentermine HCl Cap 15 MG	15 MG	30	Capsules	30	DAYS				
61200070100115		Phentermine HCl Cap 30 MG	30 MG	30	Capsules	30	DAYS				
61200070100120	Adipex-p	Phentermine HCl Cap 37.5 MG	37.5 MG	30	Capsules	30	DAYS				
61200070100310	Adipex-p	Phentermine HCl Tab 37.5 MG	37.5 MG	30	Tablets	30	DAYS				
61259902507420	Contrave	Naltrexone HCl-Bupropion HCl Tab ER 12HR 8-90 MG	8-90 MG	120	Tablets	30	DAYS				
61200070100305	Lomaira	Phentermine HCl Tab 8 MG	8 MG	90	Tablets	30	DAYS				
61209902307040	Qsymia	Phentermine HCl-Topiramate Cap ER 24HR 11.25-69 MG	11.25-69 MG	30	Capsules	30	DAYS				

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61209902307050	Qsymia	Phentermine HCl-Topiramate Cap ER 24HR 15-92 MG	15-92 MG	30	Capsules	30	DAYS				
61209902307020	Qsymia	Phentermine HCl-Topiramate Cap ER 24HR 3.75-23 MG	3.75-23 MG	30	Capsules	30	DAYS				
61209902307030	Qsymia	Phentermine HCl-Topiramate Cap ER 24HR 7.5-46 MG	7.5-46 MG	30	Capsules	30	DAYS				
61253560000120	Xenical	Orlistat Cap 120 MG	120 MG	90	Capsules	30	DAYS				

**PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CLINICAL CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

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	<p><b>Targeted Agents that are part of the MN Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL)</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>PDL Preferred Agents</th> <th>PDL Non-Preferred Agents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Saxenda</td> <td>orlistat</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wegovy</td> <td>Xenical</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Initial Evaluation</b> (Patient new to therapy, new to Prime, or attempting a repeat weight loss course of therapy)</p> <p><b>Target Agent(s)</b> will be approved when ALL the following are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient is 17 years of age or over ALL of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient has a diagnosis of obesity, confirmed by a BMI greater than or equal to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> OR a BMI greater than or equal to 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> if the patient is of South Asian, Southeast Asian, or East Asian descent <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The patient has a BMI greater than or equal to 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> with at least one weight-related comorbidity/risk factor/complication <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The patient has been on a weight loss regimen of a low-calorie diet, increased physical activity, and behavioral modifications for a minimum of 6 months prior to initiating therapy with the requested agent <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. The patient did not achieve a weight loss of 1 pound or more per week while on the weight loss regimen prior to initiating therapy with the requested agent <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. The patient is currently on and will continue a weight loss regimen of a low-calorie diet, increased physical activity, and behavioral modifications <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>B. The patient is 12 to 16 years of age and ALL of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient has a diagnosis of obesity, confirmed by a BMI greater than or equal to 95th percentile for age and gender <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The patient has a diagnosis of obesity, confirmed by a BMI greater than or equal to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> <b>OR</b></li> <li>C. The patient has a BMI greater than or equal to 85th percentile for age and gender AND at least one severe weight-related comorbidity/risk factor/complication <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	PDL Preferred Agents	PDL Non-Preferred Agents	Saxenda	orlistat	Wegovy	Xenical
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The patient has been on a weight loss regimen of a low-calorie diet, increased physical activity, and behavioral modifications for a minimum of 6 months prior to initiating therapy with the requested agent <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. The patient did not achieve a weight loss of 1 pound or more per week while on the weight loss regimen prior to initiating therapy with the requested agent <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. The patient is currently on and will continue a weight loss regimen of a low-calorie diet, increased physical activity, and behavioral modifications <b>AND</b></li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. If the patient has an FDA labeled indication, then ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient's age is within FDA labeling for the requested indication for the requested agent <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. There is support for using the requested agent for the patient's age for the requested indication <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient has not tried a targeted weight loss agent in the past 12 months <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The patient has tried a targeted weight loss agent for a previous course of therapy in the past 12 months <b>AND</b> the prescriber anticipates success with repeating therapy <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>4. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The requested agent is a preferred agent in the Minnesota Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The request is for a non-preferred agent in the Minnesota Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) and ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient is currently being treated with the requested agent and is experiencing a positive therapeutic outcome <b>AND</b> the prescriber provides documentation that switching the member to a preferred drug is expected to cause harm to the member or that the preferred drug would be ineffective <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The patient has tried and had an inadequate response to two preferred chemically unique agents within the same drug class in the Minnesota Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) as indicated by BOTH of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evidence of a paid claim(s) <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The prescriber has stated that the patient has tried the required prerequisite/preferred agent(s) <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>B. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The required prerequisite/preferred agent(s) was discontinued due to lack of effectiveness or an adverse event <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The prescriber has submitted an evidence-based and peer-reviewed clinical practice guideline supporting the use of the requested agent over the prerequisite/preferred agent(s) <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>C. The patient has a documented intolerance, FDA approved contraindication, or hypersensitivity to the preferred agents within the same drug class in the Minnesota Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) that is not expected to occur with the requested agent <b>OR</b></li> <li>D. The prescriber has provided documentation that the required prerequisite/preferred agent(s) cannot be used due to a documented medical condition or comorbid condition that is likely to cause an adverse reaction, decrease ability of the patient to achieve or maintain reasonable functional ability in performing daily activities or cause physical or mental harm <b>OR</b></li> <li>E. The prescriber has submitted documentation supporting the use of the non-preferred agent over the preferred agent(s) <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>5. ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The requested agent is benzphetamine, diethylpropion, phendimetrazine, or phentermine <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The requested agent is Qsymia and ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requested dose is 3.75mg/23mg <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The patient is currently being treated with Qsymia, the requested dose is greater than 3.75 mg/23 mg <b>AND</b> ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. ONE of the following:</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For adults, the patient has demonstrated and maintained a weight loss of greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of the requested agent) <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. For pediatric patients aged 12 years and older, the patient has experienced a reduction of at least 5% of baseline BMI (prior to initiation of the requested agent) <b>OR</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. The patient received less than 14 weeks of therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>C. The patient's dose is being titrated upward <b>OR</b></li> <li>D. The patient has received less than 12 weeks (3 months) of therapy on the 15mg/92mg strength <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The prescriber has provided information in support of therapy for the requested dose for this patient <b>OR</b></li> <li>C. The requested agent is Contrave and ONE of the following <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient is newly starting therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The patient is currently being treated and has received less than 16 weeks (4 months) of therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>3. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss of greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to the initiation of requested agent) <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>D. The requested agent is Xenical (or Orlistat) and ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient is 12 to 16 years of age and ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient is newly starting therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The patient is currently being treated and has received less than 12 weeks (3 months) of therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>C. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss of greater than 4% from baseline (prior to the initiation of requested agent) <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The patient is 17 years of age or over and ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient is newly starting therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. The patient is currently being treated and has received less than 12 weeks (3 months) of therapy <b>OR</b></li> <li>C. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss of greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to the initiation of requested agent) <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>6. The patient does NOT have any FDA approved contraindications to the requested agent <b>AND</b></li> <li>7. The patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another targeted weight loss agent for the requested indication</li> </ol> <p><b>Length of Approval:</b> 3 months</p> <p>NOTE: If Quantity Limit applies, please refer to Quantity Limit Criteria.</p> <p><b>Renewal Evaluation</b> (Patient continuing a current weight loss course of therapy)</p> <p><b>Target Agent(s)</b> will be approved when ALL of the following are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization process [Note: patients not previously approved for the requested agent will require initial evaluation review] <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. The patient meets ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of requested agent) <b>OR</b></li> <li>B. For Qsymia only, ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For pediatric patients aged 12 years and older, the patient has achieved and maintained a reduction of at least 5% of baseline (prior to initiation of the requested agent) BMI <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The patient has achieved and maintained a weight loss less than 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of requested agent) for adults, or a reduction in BMI less than 5% from</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<p>baseline (prior to initiation of the requested agent) for pediatric patients aged 12 years or older, AND BOTH of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The patient’s dose is being titrated upward (for the 3.75 mg/23 mg, 7.5 mg/46 mg or 11.25 mg/69 mg strengths only) <b>AND</b></li> <li>B. The patient has received less than 12 weeks of therapy on the 15mg/92mg strength <b>OR</b></li> <li>C. For Xenical (or Orlistat) only, ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient 12 to 16 years of age AND has achieved and maintained a weight loss greater than 4% from baseline (prior to initiation of requested agent) <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. The patient is 17 years of age or over AND has achieved and maintained a weight loss greater than or equal to 5% from baseline (prior to initiation of requested agent) <b>AND</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The patient is currently on and will continue to be on a weight loss regimen of a low-calorie diet, increased physical activity, and behavioral modifications <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. The patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another targeted weight loss agent for the requested indication <b>AND</b></li> <li>5. The patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent</li> </ol> <p><b>Length of Approval:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qsymia: greater than or equal to 5% weight loss from baseline (adults); greater than or equal to 5% reduction in BMI from baseline (pediatrics): 12 months</li> <li>• Qsymia less than 5% weight loss from baseline (adults); less than 5% reduction in BMI from baseline (pediatrics): 3 months</li> <li>• All other agents: 12 months</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: If Quantity Limit applies, please refer to Quantity Limit Criteria.</p>

**QUANTITY LIMIT CLINICAL CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

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	<p><b>Target Agent(s)</b> will be approved when ONE of the following is met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requested quantity (dose) does NOT exceed the program quantity limit <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. ALL of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The requested quantity (dose) exceeds the program quantity limit <b>AND</b></li> <li>B. The requested quantity (dose) does NOT exceed the maximum FDA labeled dose for the requested indication <b>AND</b></li> <li>C. The requested quantity (dose) cannot be achieved with a lower quantity of a higher strength that does NOT exceed the program quantity limit <b>OR</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. ALL of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The requested quantity (dose) exceeds the program quantity limit <b>AND</b></li> <li>B. The requested quantity (dose) exceeds the maximum FDA labeled dose for the requested indication <b>AND</b></li> <li>C. There is support for therapy with a higher dose for the requested indication</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Length of Approval:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Initial Approval:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For Contrave: up to 4 months.</li> <li>○ For all other agents: up to 3 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Renewal Approval:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Qsymia: greater than or equal to 5% weight loss from baseline (adults); greater than or equal to 5% reduction in BMI from baseline (pediatrics): up to 12 months</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="423 184 1456 247">○ Qsymia. less than 5% weight loss from baseline (adults); less than 5% reduction in BMI from baseline (pediatrics): up to 3 months</li><li data-bbox="423 249 834 277">○ All other agents: up to 12 months</li></ul>